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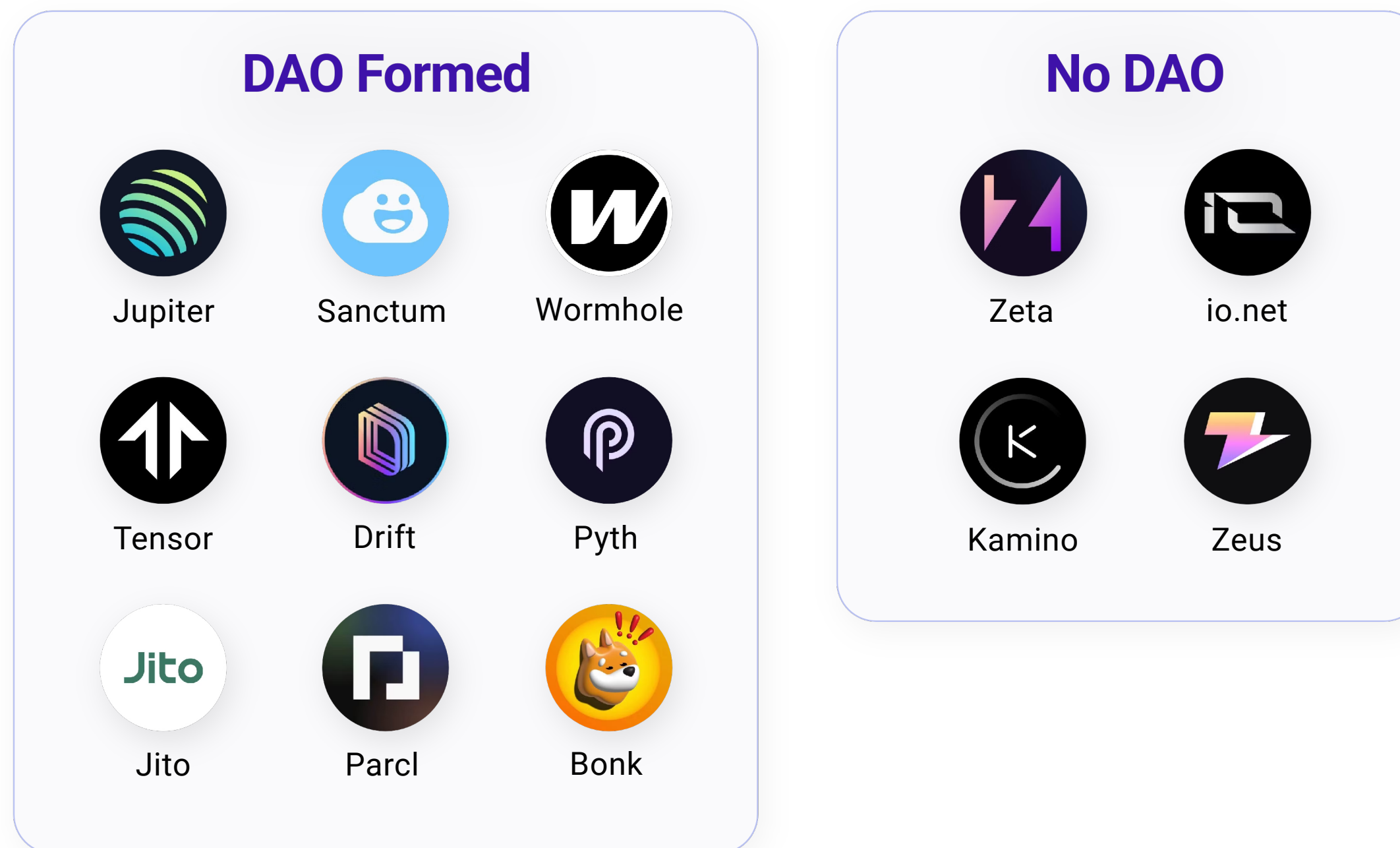
DAOs and Governance

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DAOs are achieving meaningful traction on Solana.

Most significant token-issuing protocols this cycle have established a DAO.



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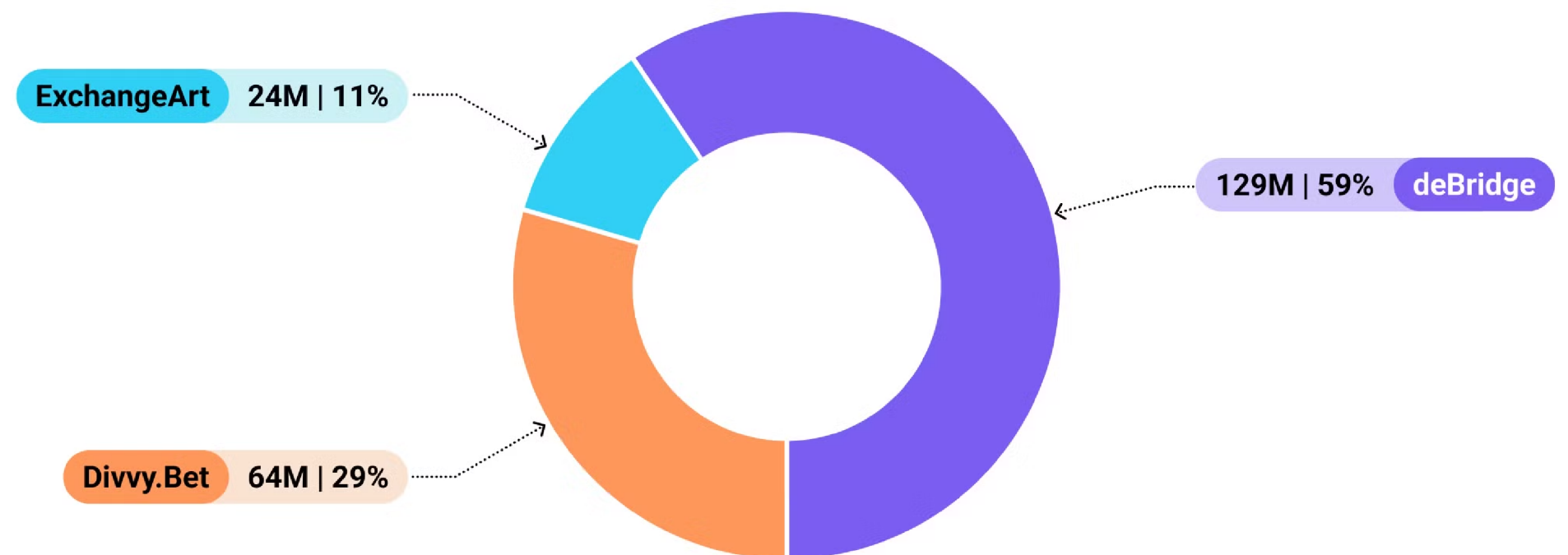
Community governance works on Solana.

As a recent example, Jupiter used DAO voting to select deBridge (\$DBR) as the next token to launch through their LFG launchpad.

\$JUP stakers participated in the DAO proposal, where deBridge secured a decisive victory with a 59% share of tokens voted.

Number of Tokens Voted

Jupiter DAO Round 3 of LFG



Almost all Solana DAOs leverage the Realms and MetaDAO protocols.



Realms

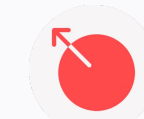
Users can create two types of DAOs:



NFT Community DAO where governance power is granted to NFT holders



Community Token DAO where governance power is granted to token holders



MetaDAO



Enables users to create DAOs that utilize a futarchy-based governance system, where decisions are made using prediction markets

Combined, these two protocols have produced:

DAOs

3,014

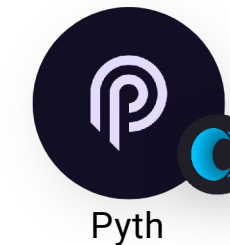
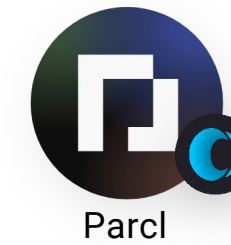
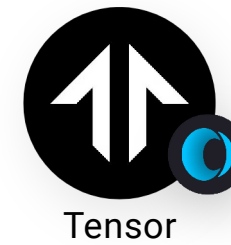
Proposals

16,345

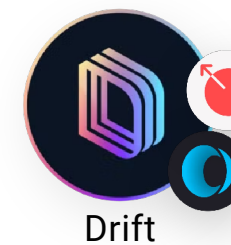
Users

20,362

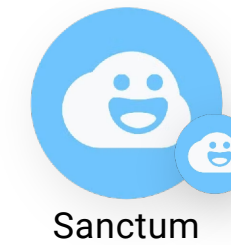
Some of the most notable Solana protocols created DAOs through Realms.



Drift uniquely used both Realms for voting on council members and MetaDAO for developer grants.



Jupiter and Sanctum opted for their own platform.



And Wormhole launched with Tally, an EVM-based protocol.



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Part I: Realms

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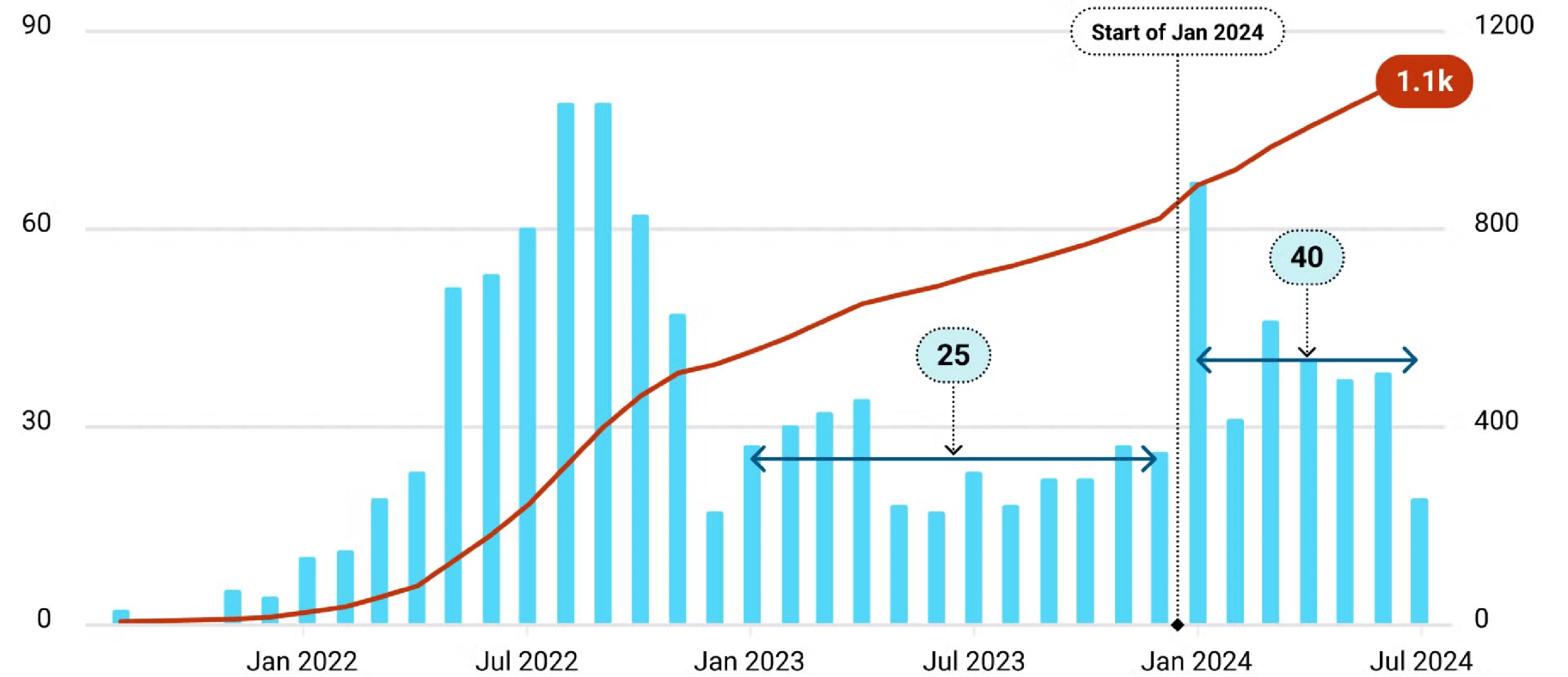
DAO formation activity on Realms has jumped this year.

As Solana ecosystem activity has risen in 2024, with new teams launching tokens, DAO activity has also followed suit.

Realms' average monthly creation rate increased to 40 in 2024 from 25 in 2023.

Total DAOs Created Through Realms By Month

● New DAOs — Cumulative DAOs



Note: DAOs without any proposals created were filtered out.

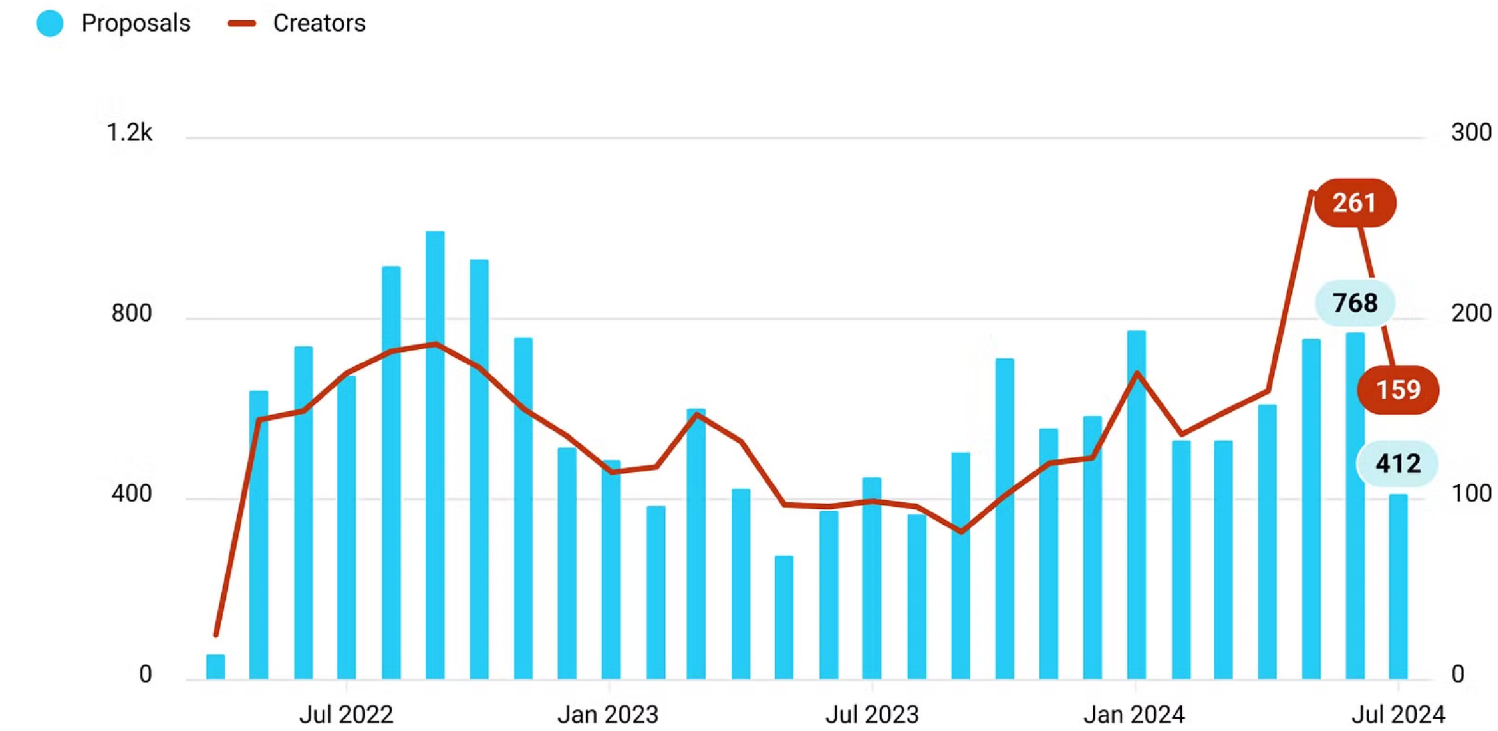
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Solana is community-driven.

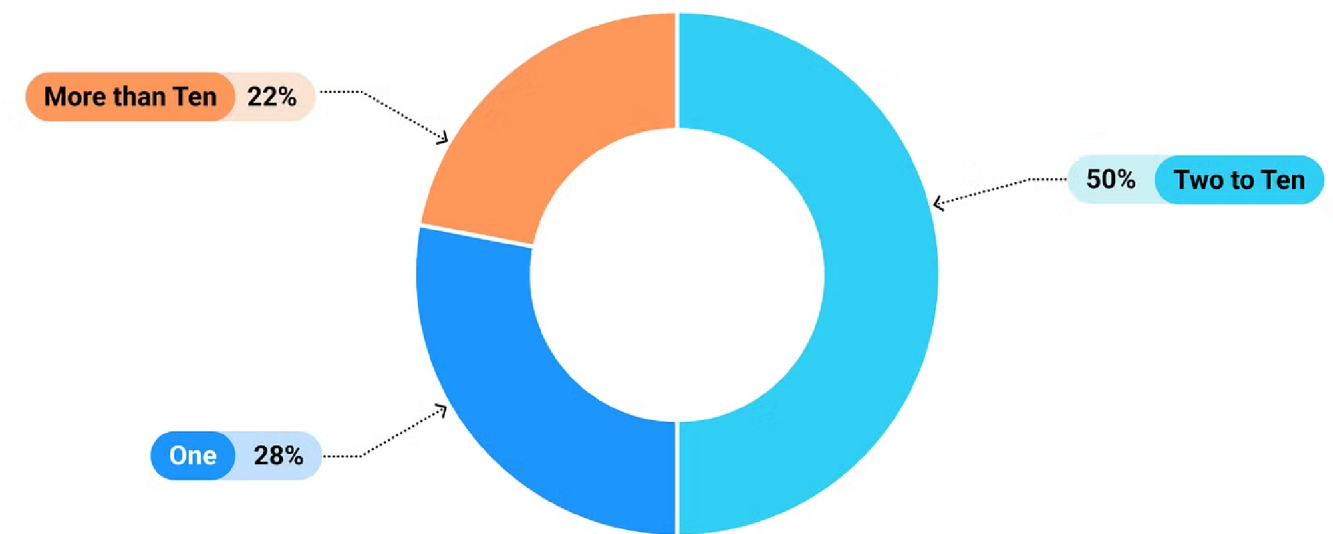
Proposals are voted on by DAO participants to make collective decisions. The recent surge in proposals highlights more community-driven developments in the ecosystem.

72% of DAOs created two or more proposals, signaling healthy levels of activity.

Proposals and Creators on Realms By Month



Realms Count of Proposals Created By Proportion of DAOs



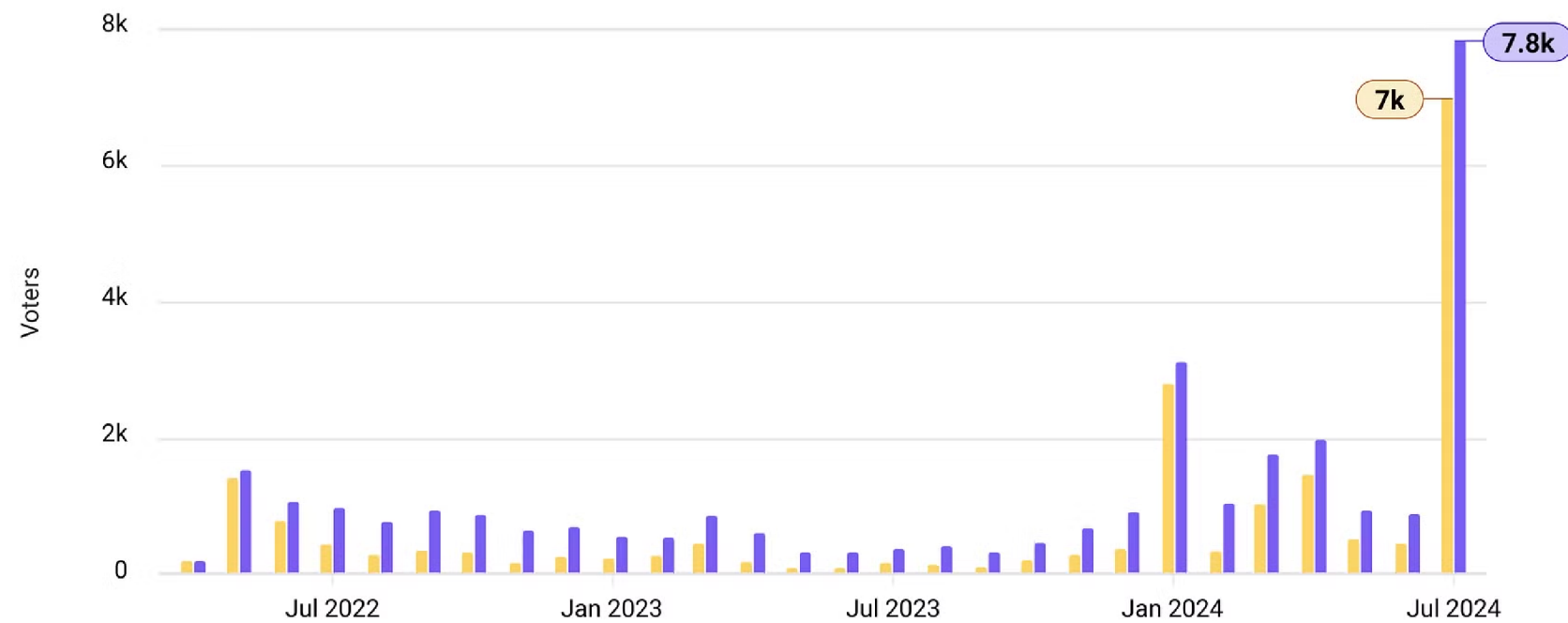
BonkDAO drove governance participation on Realms to an ATH.

With 97% of Realms users voting in a single BonkDAO proposal, new and active voter participation surged to an ATH in July.

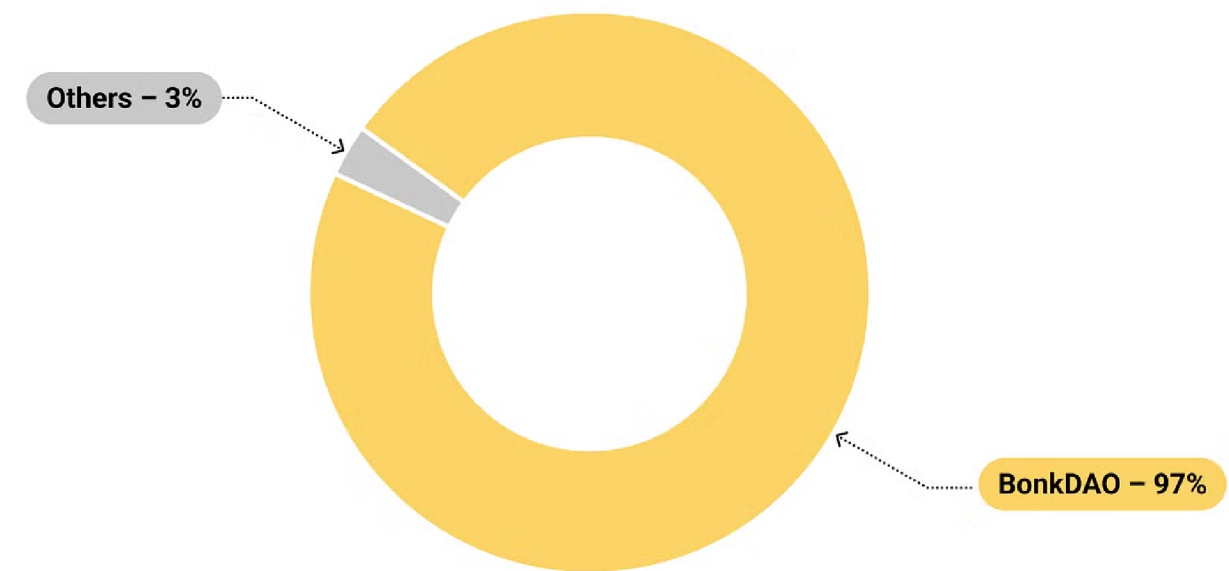
New and Active Voters on Realms By Month



● New Voters ● Active Voters



Realms New Voters in July By Source



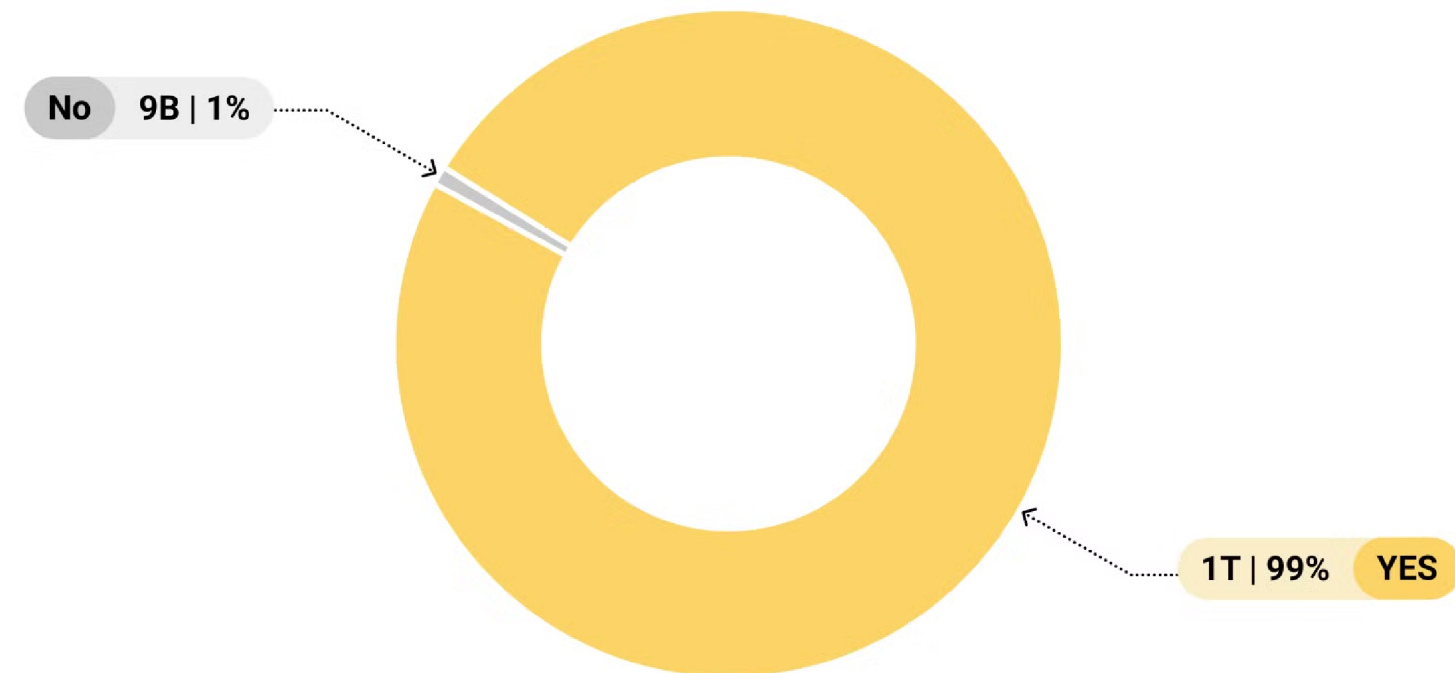
Governance through DAOs is a reality today.

Bonk used Realms to vote on a burning mechanism affecting \$BONK tokens earned through BonkBot fees.

Any wallet holding \$BONK could participate and vote in this proposal, with "Yes" winning nearly all of the votes.

Number of Tokens Voted

BonkDAO Proposal of Burning \$BONK Earned from BonkBot



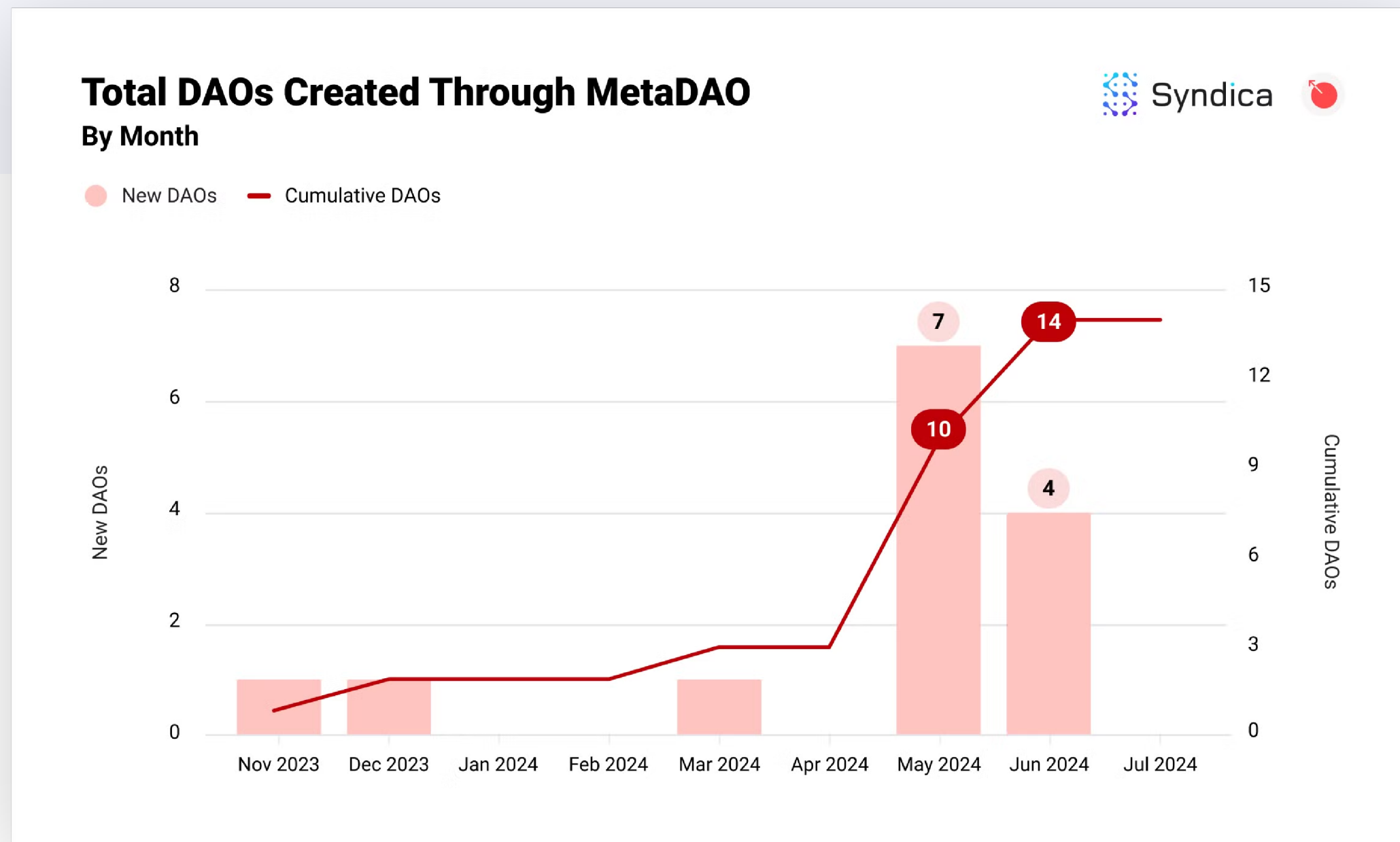


Part II: MetaDAO

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MetaDAO has gained momentum in recent months.



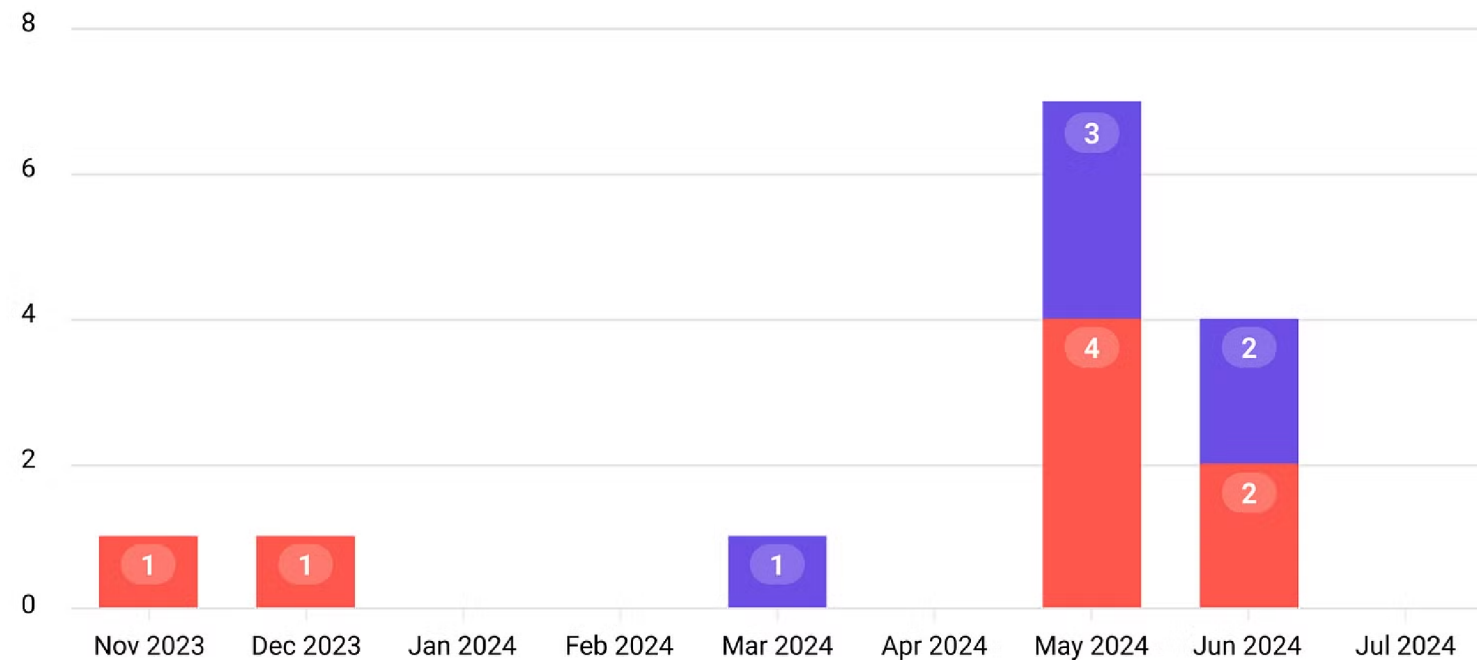
Impressively, 57% of DAOs actively created proposals.

Of the 14 DAOs created on the platform, 8 have already submitted proposals, reflecting strong product engagement.

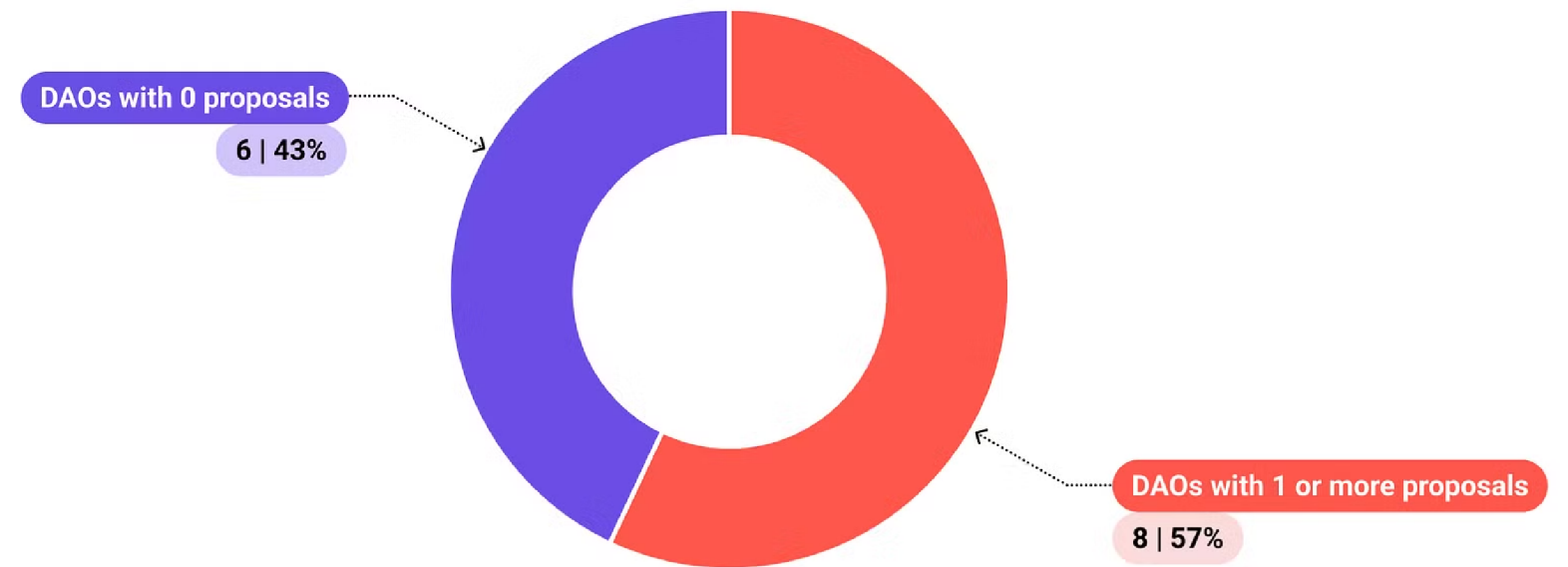
Total DAOs Created Through MetaDAO
By Month



● DAOs with 1 or more proposals ● DAOs with 0 proposals



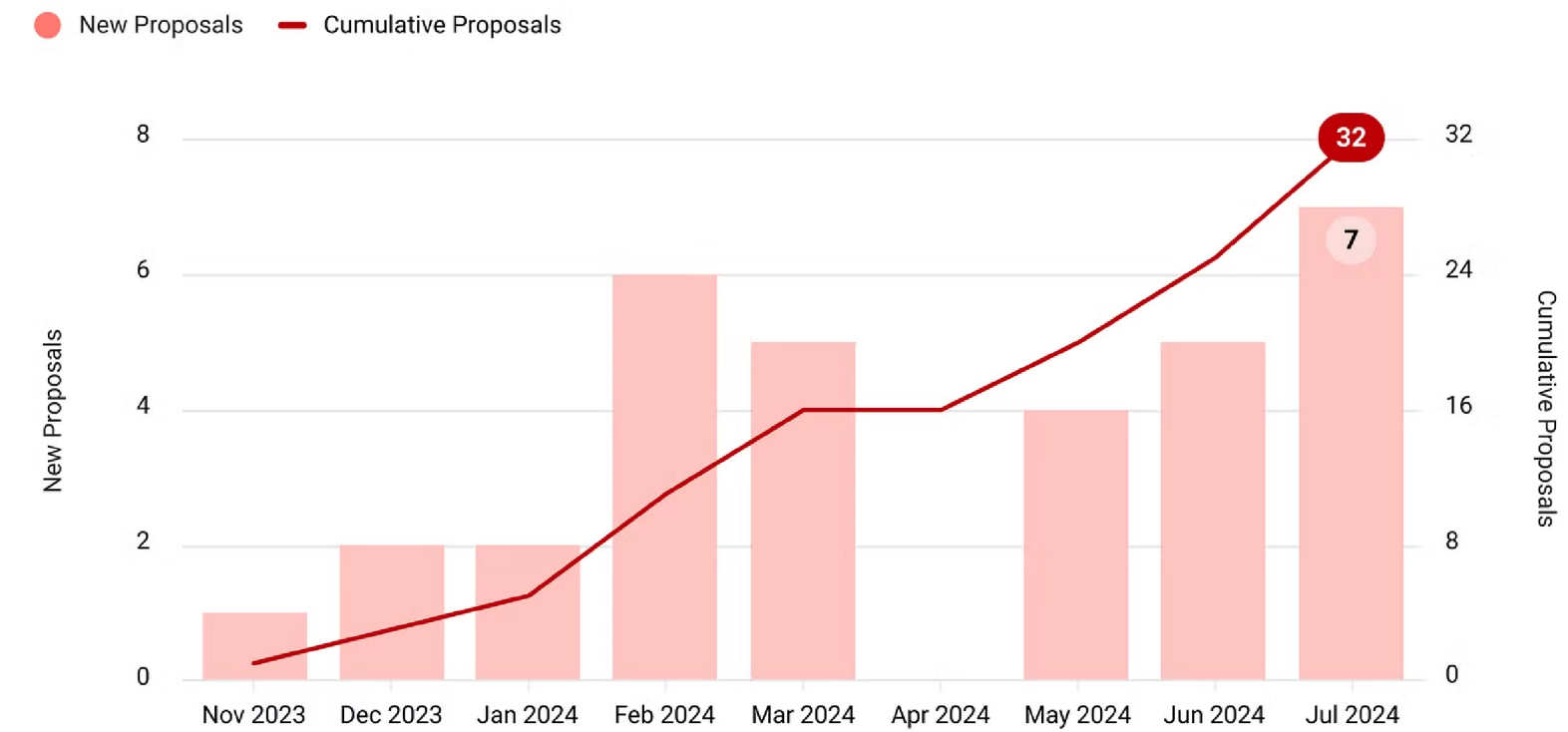
Total DAOs Created Through MetaDAO
By DAOs with 0 proposals vs. DAOs with 1 or more proposals



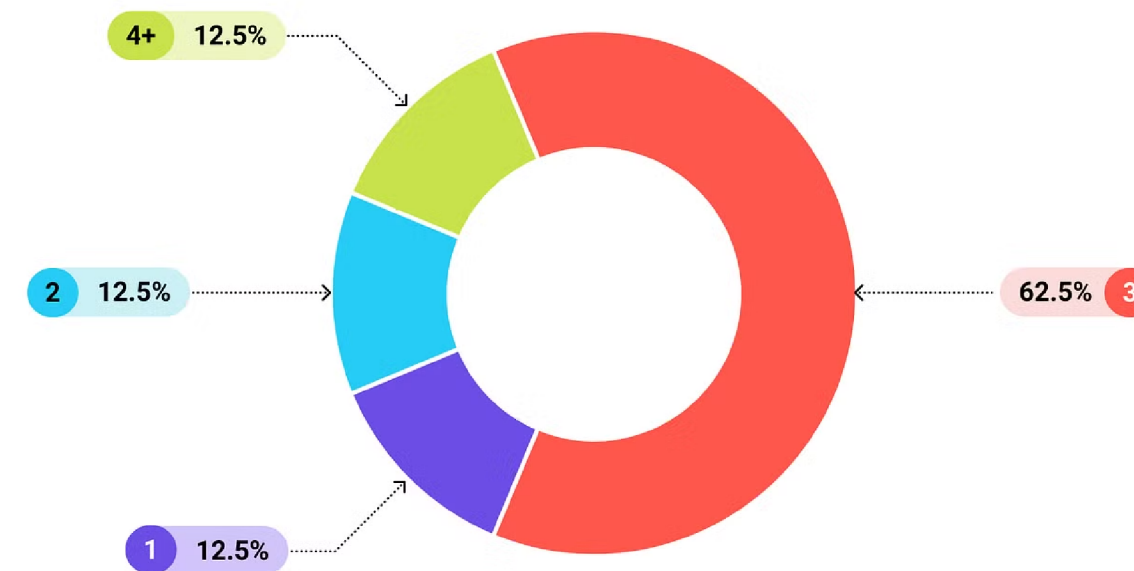
Monthly proposals through MetaDAO reached an ATH.

Most DAOs have created 3+ proposals each, highlighting growth not just in the number of DAOs, but also activity by each DAO individually.

MetaDAO Proposals Created By Month



MetaDAO Count of Proposals Create By Number of DAOs



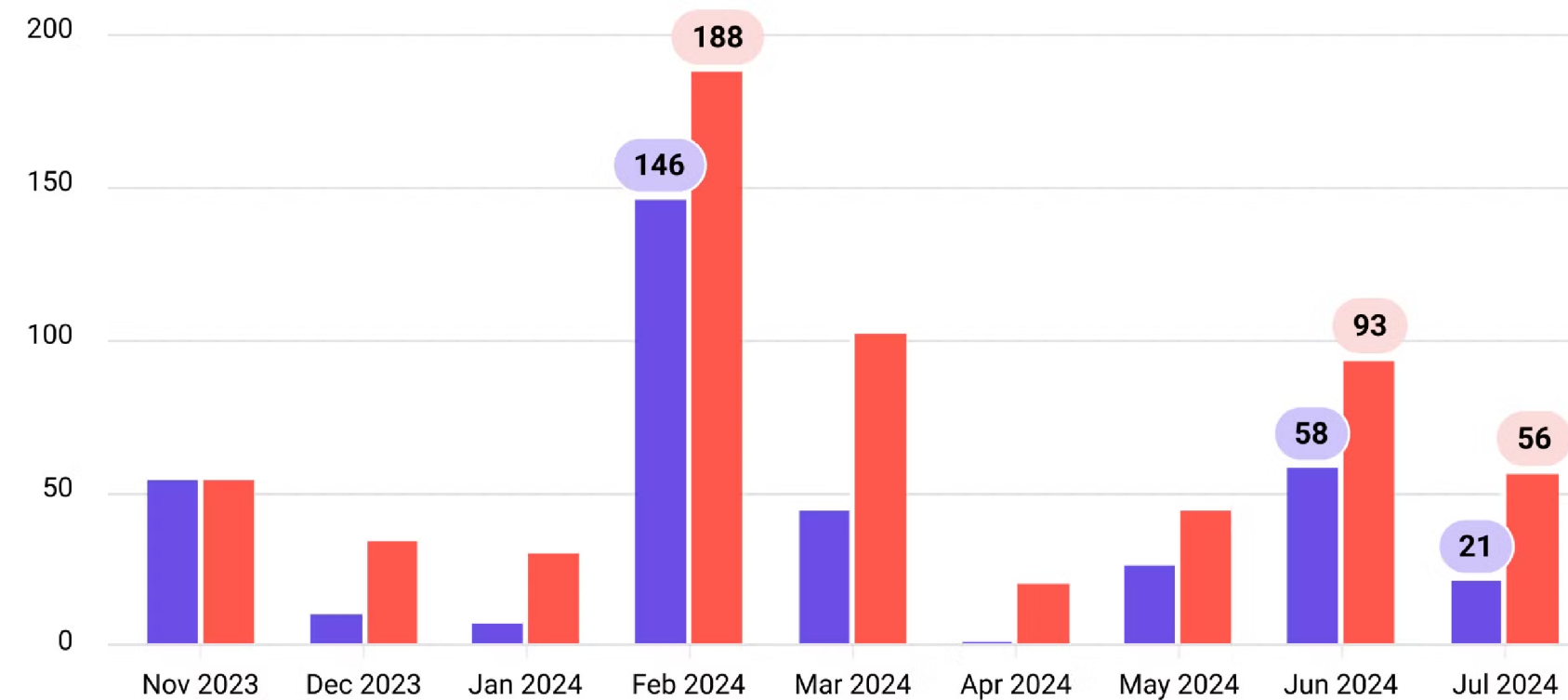


MetaDAO's voter counts have continued to show consistent activity.

New and Active Voters on MetaDAO
By Month



● New Voters ● Active Voters



MetaDAO is different than Realms in catering to economic-weighted value in governance.

Forcing voters to put further 'skin in the game', MetaDAO uses a prediction market-driven system for voting.

For a platform as young as MetaDAO, the average number of voters and proposers is impressive, reflecting strong user participation in market-based governance.

	 Realms	 MetaDAO
Launch Year	2021	2023
Voting	Community-driven	Market-driven
Proposals	Token-weighted value	Economic-weighted value
Use Case	Best for internal governance decisions	Best for economic value governance decisions
Example: Drift 	Voting on council members	Funding ecosystem projects & developer grants
Average Voters per Proposal	6	13
Average Proposers per DAO	2	3
Average Proposals per DAO	14	4